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## **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH**

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### **BLOOMFIELD, N. J.**

#### **Definition of Terms. (Reg. Bd. of H., May 26, 1915.)**

SECTION 1. That this ordinance shall be known and designated as the sanitary code of the board of health of the town of Bloomfield.

SEC. 2. That the terms "board," "this board," "said board," and "board of health" shall be held to mean the local board of health of the town of Bloomfield.

SEC. 3. That the word "regulation" as used herein shall be held to include such special regulations as the board may promulgate from time to time; and that the word "permit" as used herein shall be held to mean the permission in writing of this board, issued according to this ordinance, rules, regulations, or resolutions, of the board; and that the word "light" or "lighted" as used herein shall be held to mean natural, external light; and that all words, terms, and phrases in this ordinance defined shall also include their usual, natural, and general meaning as well as those herein specially given.

SEC. 4. That the phrase "contagious disease" shall be held to include any disease of an infectious, contagious, or pestilential nature with which any person may be sick, affected, or attacked (more especially, however, referring to cholera, yellow fever, smallpox, diphtheria, ship or typhus, typhoid and scarlet fever, measles, ophthalmia neonatorum, whooping cough, chicken-pox, tuberculosis, and cerebrospinal meningitis), and also including any new disease of an infectious, contagious, or pestilential nature, and also any other disease publicly declared by this board dangerous to the public health.

SEC. 5. That the word "street" when used in the sanitary code shall be held to include avenues, sidewalks, gutters, places, and public alleys; and the words "public places" shall be held to include parks, and water and open spaces thereto adjacent, and also public yards, grounds, and areas, and all open spaces between buildings and streets; the word "rubbish" shall be held to include all the loose and decayed material and dirtlike substance that attends use and decay, or which accumulates from buildings, storing, or cleaning; the word "garbage" shall be held to include every accumulation of animal or vegetable matter, or both, liquid or otherwise, that attends the preparation, decay, and dealing in or storage of meats, fish, fowl, birds, or vegetables; and the word "dirt" shall be held to mean natural soil, earth, and stone.

SEC. 6. That the word "cellar," as used herein, shall be held to mean and include every basement or lower story of any building or house of which one-half or more of the height from the floor to the ceiling is below the level of the adjoining ground.

SEC. 7. That a "tenement house" shall be taken to mean and include every house, building, or portion thereof which is rented, leased, let or hired out to be occupied, or is occupied as the house, home, or residence of three or more families, living independently of one another, and doing their own cooking upon the premises, or by more than two families upon a floor so living and cooking but having a common right in the halls, stairways, yards, water-closets, or privies, or some of them.

SEC. 8. The term "food" as used in this ordinance shall include every article used for food or drink by man, and every ingredient in such article, and all confectionery. That the word "meat" whenever herein used includes every part of any land animal,

and eggs (whether mixed or not with any other substance), and the word "fish" includes every part of any animal that lives in water, or the flesh of which is not meat; and the word "vegetable" includes every article of human consumption as food (which not being meat or fish or milk) is held or offered or intended for sale or consumption; and all fish and meat and vegetables found therein shall be deemed to be therein, and held for such sale or consumption as such food, unless the contrary be distinctly proved.

SEC. 9. That the word "person" as used herein shall be held to mean both plural and singular, as the case may demand, and shall include corporations, companies, societies, and associations, as well as individuals.

SEC. 10. That the word "cattle" shall be held to include all animals with split hoof, except birds, fowl, and fish of which any part of the body is used as food; the word "butcher" shall be held to include whoever is engaged in the business of keeping, driving, or slaughtering any cattle, or in selling any meat; the word "market" shall include every store, cellar, stand, and place at which the business is the buying, selling, or keeping for sale of meat, fish, or vegetables for human food.

SEC. 11. The word "quarantine" shall be held to mean the prohibition of all communication of individuals infected with or exposed to contagious or infectious diseases or supposed to be peculiarly liable to such contagious or infectious diseases for the period fixed by this board.

**Board of Health—Employees—Inspections by. (Reg. Bd. of H., May 26, 1915.)**

SEC. 12. That the board of health, its health officer or duly authorized agent or agents shall make the inspections and examinations required by any law of this State, or by any code, ordinance, regulation, or order of this board: and all persons are hereby forbidden to interfere with or obstruct such inspection, examination, or execution under a penalty of \$25 for each and every offense.

SEC. 13. That the board of health, its health officer, or duly authorized agent or agents shall have the right at all times to enter into and upon any premises or buildings in the town for the purpose of examining the same to ascertain whether there is upon or in any premises or building in the town any nuisance or violation of this ordinance, or for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this ordinance.

**Buildings, Tenement Houses, and Lodging Houses—Sanitary Regulation. (Reg. Bd. of H., May 26, 1915.)**

SEC. 14. That no person shall hereafter erect or cause to be erected, or converted to a new purpose by alteration, any building or structure which, or any part of which, shall be inadequate or defective in respect to strength, ventilation, light, drainage, or of any other usual, proper or necessary provision or precaution; nor shall the owner, builder or lessee, tenant or occupant of any such or of any other building or structure (within the right or ability of either to remedy or prevent the same), cause or allow any matter or thing to be or to be done in or about any such building or structure dangerous or prejudicial to life or health.

SEC. 15. That no owner, agent or lessee of any building, or any part thereof, shall lease or let, or hire out the same, or any portion thereof, to be occupied by any person, or allow the same to be occupied as a place in which, or for anyone, to dwell or lodge, except when such buildings or such parts thereof are sufficiently lighted, ventilated, provided and accommodated, and are in all respects in that condition of cleanliness and wholesomeness for which this code or any law of this State provides, or in which they or either of them require any such premises to be kept.

SEC. 16. That no person having the right and power to prevent the same shall knowingly cause or permit any person to sleep or remain in any cellar or any place dangerous or prejudicial to life or health by reason of a want of ventilation or drainage or by reason of the presence of any poisonous, noxious, or offensive substance or otherwise.